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Response to Arguments

Applicant's arguments filed on 08/20/2008 have been fully considered but they are not persuasive.

Regarding the argument with respect to natural oil and alleged lack of its presence in Wevers et al.'s liquid detergent composition it should be noted that the term natural oil is used for any plant, fruit, seeds, or vegetable derived oils which could be in solid or liquid form and are called fatty acids, regardless of being saturated or unsaturated. Wevers et al. teach such a natural oil in their composition. Therefore the oleic acid of example XIV is considered, and construed as, a natural oil which is actually the main ingredient in olive oil.

In response to applicant's argument that the references fail to show certain features of applicant's invention, it is noted that the features upon which applicant relies (i.e., textile *after-treatment*) are not recited in the rejected claim(s). Although the claims are interpreted in light of the specification, limitations from the specification are not read into the claims. See *In re Van Geuns*, 988 F.2d 1181, 26 USPQ2d 1057 (Fed. Cir. 1993

In response to applicant's argument that there is no suggestion to combine the references, the examiner recognizes that obviousness can only be established by combining or modifying the teachings of the prior art to produce the claimed invention where there is some teaching, suggestion, or motivation to do so found either in the references themselves or in the knowledge generally available to one of ordinary skill in the art. See *In re Fine*, 837 F.2d 1071, 5 USPQ2d 1596 (Fed. Cir. 1988) and *In re Jones*, 958 F.2d 347, 21 USPQ2d 1941 (Fed. Cir. 1992). In this case, regarding

application of composition to fabric during the rinse cycle, it should be noted that Cooper is, clearly, teaching the application of a composition for treatment of fabrics both in wash and rinse cycle: [0324, 0326, 0327]. Applicant's argument regarding this aspect of Cooper's teaching is not persuasive either.

Correspondence

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Dr. M. Reza Asdjodi whose telephone number is (571)270-3295. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday 8:00-5:00 EST.

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